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Dear Hank:

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[REDACTED] has prepared the attached memorandum which you will find of interest. [REDACTED] is a member of the Louisiana Bar, where he specialized in Admiralty Law. He has for some time been an employee of ours in a non-legal capacity. Nevertheless, we thought to avail ourselves of his experience in the field, and asked him to prepare this memorandum. We are now forwarding it to you for your thoughts on the matter.

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I was particularly interested in [REDACTED]'s comments on page 13 regarding the legal possibilities if the United States Government itself were a party to the libel. However, on re-checking today, I find that it still stands that the Government will not appear in this picture [REDACTED]

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I was also interested to note in today's Congressional Record that Congressman Tollefson of Washington made some remarks on the Floor of the House yesterday regarding the return of these ships. No doubt it will become of increasing interest to various Congressmen as the negotiations stall along.

I am also returning to you herewith the documents which you were so kind as to lend us.

Sincerely yours,

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